

**LUMPKIN COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Special Called Meeting
AGENDA**

**Lumpkin County Courthouse
Conference Room
Dahlonega, Georgia
February 24, 2005
8:30 A.M.**

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Gooch

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

III. NEW BUSINESS

- **CONTRACTS**
 - Department of Transportation - Resurfacing on Dicks Creek Road & Rail Hill Road

IV. OLD BUSINESS

- **OTHER ITEMS**
 - Appeal – Walker Hill Subdivision Project
 - Employment Incentive Program (EIP Grant)
 - Discuss Personnel Issues

V. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **FUTURE BOARD MEETINGS**
 - Board Work Session – City Hall Mar. 3rd, 2005 at 9:00 A.M.
 - Board Meeting – City Hall Mar. 15th, 2005 at 6:00 P.M.

VI. ADJOURN

Chairman Gooch

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL CALLED MEETING OF THE
LUMPKIN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSONERS**

February 24, 2005

CALL TO ORDER

The special called meeting was called to order by Chairman Gooch at 8:30 a.m. Commissioners present were Stephen Gooch, John Raber, Deborah Hutcheson, Clarence Stowers and Marvin Martin.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made by John Raber to approve the agenda. This motion was seconded by Marvin Martin and approved by all district commissioners present.

NEW BUSINESS

CONTRACT

Department of Transportation – Resurfacing on Dicks Creek Road and Rail Hill Road

A motion to sign Department of Transportation contract was made by Deborah Hutcheson. This motion was seconded by Clarence Stowers and approved by all district commissioners present.

OLD BUSINESS

Appeal – Walker Hill Subdivision Project

Stan Kelley updated the board members concerning the appeal to the Planning Commission's decision not to issue approval to Mr. Bobby Tritt for Walker Hill Subdivision Project located on John Walker Road. Mr. Kelley stated that Mr. Tritt and all interested parties were invited to attend a meeting held Monday, February 21, 2005 to discuss issues involved with the widening of John Walker Road. After discussion by the board Mr. Tritt was asked if he would agree to the conditions requested by Mr. Kinser whose property would be affected by the widening of John Walker Road. Mr. Tritt said he would need a few minutes to consider the request.

A motion was made by Marvin Martin to table the Walker Hill Subdivision Project discussion until later in the meeting. This motion was seconded by John Raber and approved by all district commissioners.

EIP Grant –

The Department of Community Affairs requested a letter of affirmation regarding Lumpkin County's commitment to Employee Incentive Program Grant for the sewer project at Hwy. 60 and GA 400. Laura Givens, Director of Finance, presented an update on the progress of the grant. Chairman Gooch stated that a commitment to the grant had been made several years ago and that he had talked with all the players involved.

A motion was made by Marvin Martin to sign the letter of commitment and any additional cost to be covered by the Lumpkin County Water and Sewerage Authority. This motion was seconded by John Raber and approved by all district commissioners present.

Appeal – Walker Hill Subdivision Project

Mr. Tritt said he would agree to grading, clearing, removing fence, pay \$3,000.00 for cost of right-of-way, grass and seed and use erosion control for the widening of John Walker Road. Mr. Tritt requested that the county replace the trees, fence and pave the road. Mr. Tritt then asked if a building permit could be issued to him.

A motion was made by Deborah Hutcheson to accept this agreement with an amendment to provided that Mr. Tritt replaced the fence and trees. Permits could then be issued if everything meets standards. This motion was seconded by Clarence Stowers and approved by all district commissioners present.

After further discussion regarding a policy for roads the board requested staff members work together with Commissioner Stowers to develop a policy for roads.

At 9:55 a.m. Chairman Gooch called for motion asking that the board go into executive session to discuss matters concerning the hiring of a County Manager. A motion was made by John Raber to go into executive session and seconded by Deborah Hutcheson and approved by all district commissioners.

The board returned from executive session at 11:00 a.m. Chairman Gooch announced that Stan Kelley had been named the new county manager, which was a unanimous decision by the board. The county attorney was asked to write a contract and establish a job description for the county manager, with an effective date of February 24, 2005.

Chairman Gooch stated that the pool of candidates was very good and that the board had interviewed the top three candidates, which all had good experience. Commissioner Martin stated that 47 applicants had applied for the position. The search committee had narrowed the applicants down to 11 and the board then selection the top 3 to be interviewed. Commissioner Hutcheson said the search committee had looked very in-depth at every candidate using the criteria the search committee had established. Commissioner Stowers said that training was important as well as selecting the candidate most suitable for the job.

ADJOURN

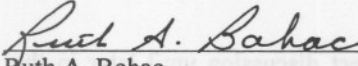
Chairman Gooch called for a motion to adjourn at 11:10 a.m. The motion to adjourn was made by Marvin Martin and seconded by Clarence Stowers and approved by all district commissioners present.

3/15/2005

Date


Stephen W. Gooch, Chairman
Lumpkin County Board of Commissioners

Attest:


Ruth A. Bohac
Clerk, Lumpkin County